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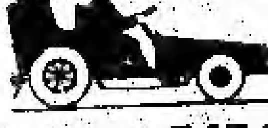

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hese ... OUR TIMES

By GEORGE WATANABE

All of a sudden, it seme to me, usic has become an indispensable t of the American people. The ores, Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, d Tchaikowsky are almost on eybody's lips around the dinner ble and in the living room.

There are new boks coming out ery month that deal with some ase of music—appreciation, composers' life, musicians, instruments, chestras and so on. On the air, commentators and analysts are enghtening the public.

Lately, even politicians have beun to take an interest in music. he beautiful "Ballad of America" dicated to Paul Robeson, the eat singer, depicts the growth of emocracy in America, acclaims e American people for the part hey played in the Revolutionary ar and in the Civil War which berated the Negro from slavery, stablished the tradition of world rotherhood, and glorifies the present racial strains from every part f the world and the corresponding umber of varied cultures, all melting into one huge strain of proress and freedom.

That ballad was used as the heme song in the last Republican onvention. It was sort of funny ecause the Republicans semed to e the last political group subscribing to that sort of sentiment. On op of that, the poet who wrote he song and the composer who rote the music were on the orks of Progress Administration usic project. The composer Early obinson went so far as to compose songs for strikers and for May Day. The Republicans were getng mixed up with a kind of thing hat they used to label "communisc" in the New Deal era.

I think it very timely because Beethoven was politically democrat, hich he professed openly, defied ristocrats, sympathized with the French Revolution, dedicated his Eroica symphony to its spirit, and ragged out the music of his days rom the parlor of aristocratic ourts to the peoples. In the Fifth ymphony as in the Third, the ood of the triumphantly marchng peoples of his days seems to ing and echo. Today, the strugle of the conquered peoples in urope against Hitler brings to our ind the struggle waged by the eoples in Beethoven's days and ow humanity fights for freedom nd democracy.

The Eroica symphony was orignally dedicated to Napoleon when Beethoven thought Napoleon was a rue democrat and liberator. When Napoleon made himself emperor, Beethoven, deeply disillusioned, tore he front page of the symphony nd wrote down "to the memory of a hero." But the spirit by which e wrote the symphony remains as aith in democracy and people.

Today the world witnesses another tyrant and the peoples rising p to put him in his proper place. Nothing is more significant than to see Beethoven's music playing the ole of a trumpeter for progress of umanity.

On the Newsfront

Offensive Navy Faces Defeat in Pacific War

SAN FRANCISCO.—If either the American or Japanese navy crosses the international date-line in the Pacific it will be defeated, Juji Kasai, noted writer and member of the Diet, said here.

Kasai told the Commonwealth Club the Japanese navy is "for the defence of the Japanese Empire . . . and can defeat any navy, however mighty and powerful, if it threatens the existence of the Empire . . . .

"Must America and Japan fight?" he said: "God forbid that our two nations should ever be involved in a conflict."

Cannery Strike Gains Raise For Employees

STEVESTON.—A sudden, spontaneous strike by unorganized employees of the Imperial Cannery in Steveston last Friday night at midnight resulted in a general 5 cent per hour increase for all workers. Under the leadership of male Occidental employees, some 700 Occidental workers, mostly women, quit work, and were joined by 100 Japanese workers. After a ten hour shutdown, employees voted to accept a 5 cent raise offered by the company, which brought wages to 40c per hour for women and 50c for men.

Tatsuta Maru Brings 332 Nisei Back to U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The government-chartered N.Y.K. liner, Tatsuta Maru, docked in San Francisco yesterday, discharging 350 American citizens, of whom 332 were American-born Japanese. The ship will sail again Sunday, carrying some 900 passengers.

Tokyo Girls Anxious to Marry and Settle Down

TOKYO, (Domei).—Tokyo's fair sex seem to be more anxious to settle down in a sweet home than men, according to a survey by the welfare miinstry's eugenic marriage consulting office.

It was revealed that 600 women applied for husbands against 400 male applicants for their better halves at the office during the past 18 months since the service was started in May, 1940.

CAN'T SEND MONEY TO SUPPORT FAMILIES—MUST RETURN TO JAPAN

VANCOUVER. — A large number of local Japanese who plan to return to Japan aboard the Hikawa Maru, will sail because they have families in Japan to support, it was disclosed here today. Owing to strict restrictions in force over the export of funds to Japan, they find it impossible to maintain their families while working in Canada.

About 120 applications for Foreign Exchange Control Board permits have been filled, but exactly how many would be issued was still doubtful at the time of writing.

Earlier fears that accommodation would be over-taxed have not materialized, it was reported. About 130 passengers will board the liner in Seattle.

Included in the list from Vancouver are two Niseis. One is going to Japan to support his mother. The other, a young girl, is going to join her family, which has been unable to come back to Canada.

Latest advices said that the Hikawa was expected to dock at 2 a.m. early Saturday morning, and that passengers would be allowed to disembark about 8 or 9 a.m.

$3500 for Welfare

VANCOUVER.—$3,500 is the objective!

The Japanese Branch of the Vancouver Welfare Federation has already launched its annual drive to secure the funds to carry on the invaluable social service work needed in the community. And the objective it has set for itself is the highest total that the branch has ever sought to finance aid to the underprivileged members of the community.

Representatives from 40-odd organizations, which co-operate in the annual welfare drive, met Wednesday at the Nippon Club, to hear Campaign Chairman Y. Uchida urge this objective.

$4,000 Received

Estimates, he said, made by Welfare Headquarters show that last year indirect aid through various institutions to needy Japanese plus the direct expenditure made by the Japanese Branch, actually reached a total of $4,000. The budget for this year approved by Headquarters, moreover, exceeds the Japanese quota by $218.

That is a challenge to the community, Mr. Uchida stressed, to go out for an objective of $3,500, so that the full share of maintaining civilian welfare and home defence lines could be assumed.

Door-to-door canvassing of the fifteen districts into which the city is divided will begin almost immediately, it was indicated. The special names committee will also go into action right away, although the official civic drive does not start till November 4.

Acting on the special names committee are Mr. Uchida, K. Shoji, B. Hisaoka, K. Shimizu, J. Watanabe, Y. Nakazawa, E. Morii, K. Gotoh, Dr. K. Shimotakabara, Rev. K. Shimizu and Mrs. H. Hyodo.

Bussei Conference Sends Pledge Of Loyalty To Premier

Inherent in Buddhist teaching is the precept of love and loyalty to one's native land.

And Sunday last, at their third annual conference at Maple Ridge, some 250 Buddhist young people from eight separate groups, put that precept into action, with a unanimous pledge of loyalty to Canada.

Sent to Prime Minister Mackenzie King was the following resolution:

"The League of Young People's Buddhist Associations of Canada, composed of Japanese Canadians of Buddhist faith, at its third annual convention, goes on record as Re-affirming its loyalty to Canada and the British Commonwealth of Nations."

Cherish Faith

A new high in enthusiasm at the convention evoked the congratulations of Rev. Kawamura of Maple Ridge, who declared at the opening service that the large attendance attested to the fact that the Nisei cherish the principles of their faith.

Rev. R. Hirahara said that if delegates were to receive but one thing from the convention, and that one thing were a consciousness of the Buddhist faith, it would suffice.

A red, white and blue patriotic motif, centred by a huge V for Victory sign, decorated the banquet hall, where delegates gathered for a farewell supper and social. Chairman Kazuji Hamade urged that the friendly spirit in evidence at the convention be continued through the year.

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AMERICAN NISEI WILL SERVE IN DEFENCE INDUSTRY

Companies To End All Racial Bias In Considering Applications

SAN FRANCISCO.—American-born Japanese have assumed full responsibility in the defence of the nation by taking their rightful place as citizens in the army training camps. Now the way is being cleared for them to contribute their manual skill and technical knowledge to the nation's defence by working in defence industries.

Eliminate Prejudice

As a result of hearings conducted by the Presidential Committee on Fair Employment Practices, charged with the duty of clearing away the "discrimination bottleneck" in industry, special attention will be given to second generation job-seekers, to make sure that all possible prejudice is eliminated.

Following conferences with representatives of steel, aircraft, and shipbuilding companies, and Mike Masaoka, national Japanese American Citizens' League secretary, the Committee recommended a board of reviewers to pass upon the rejected applications of Japanese who were turned down by the preliminary interviewers to insure that no racial discrimination entered into the decision; that the matter of religion be waived insofar as the Japanese applicants are concerned; that every company be instructed to give all Japanese applicants every possible break.

The following concerns which appeared at the hearings promised to do everything in their power to aid the qualified Japanese obtain jobs: Lockheed, Vultee, Douglas, North America, and Consolidated aircraft; Bethlehem and U. S. Steel; and California shipbuilding yards.

Companies will also keep a record of all Japanese applicants in the future.

Open Trade Schools

The National J.A.C.L. followed up this move by assuring admittance for the Nisei to all trade schools, which heretofore have refused admittance to second generation Japanese on the grounds that they would not be able to secure jobs after completing their courses. Trade schools which are partially supported by government funds cannot now reject the Nisei.

The President's Committee has also recommended that the President order an American Federation of Labor representative appear before him to explain the ban placed by many affiliated unions against colored or Oriental peoples.

Smithers Boy Posted As RTS Clerk Here

VANCOUVER. — Military Headquarters here informed The New Canadian that Fujio "Joe" Aida, 24-year-old Smithers Nisei, had been attested to Reinforcement Training School as a clerk on October 28, and posted temporarily in Vancouver.

It was not known what, if any, special circumstances had obtained in regard to his application to enable him to enlist, when numerous previous applications have been rejected.

THE FIRST TIP

● A Short Story by
JABEZ X. KATO

● A poet at heart, Jimmy didn't like to take dirty money from a rat like Dyke Abbot. So when he did, he made sure he put it to good use.

QUARTER to seven at the Powell Cafe. Jimmy looked at the alarm clock hung on a nail as he went by with his arms laden with dirty dishes. A few minutes more and he would be free. Then for a quick bath, a swift shave and he'd be off for night-school.

As he picked up an order and expertly shifted his grip to make room for two more dishes, Jimmy kidded the cook smilingly for he was anticipating the moment before school when, if he timed his arrival correctly, he would be able to walk up the school steps with Ayako-san, who was taking a commercial course. After that all too brief moment of pleasure Jimmy slipped with ease into the realm of Tennyson and De la Mare.

Wishes in both hands . . . . running up to his elbows . . . . wipe the table . . . . yes sir? . . . . cart the dishes back . . . . Soup sir? . . . . Plain steak? Onions . . . . yes sir . . . . back on the worn path on the linoleum to the kitchen at a steady pace to yell, "Playna! Unylon! . . . . back with the soup . . . . back and forth . . . . yes sir . . . . a few minutes more . . . . okay

A Missing Girl

Time was up. Jimmy was at the back of the kitchen about to take off his coat and apron when he saw an Indian girl with a man come in. It was that young girl who had taken a room a few weeks ago at the Classic Hotel just above the Powell Cafe. Jimmy was curious about her because she answered to the description of a missing girl that three Indians had enquired about just before this girl had shown up.

The Indians had come in when Jimmy had been watching the cash register. They had asked him if he had seen a young pretty Indian girl, name Dolores Stephens, 19 years, 5' 3", wearing a blue coat. Jimmy had said that he hadn't seen any girl like that and they had asked him to keep a lookout.

Jimmy remembered the Indian well because he had looked so sad and dignified. He remembered too the fiery young man who must have been the old Indian's son, who had said, "Come on, Big John, we'll look some more." The other young man had just stood there silent and stolid, wetting his lips. They had left their address and gone away in a large car silently, after Jimmy had suggested that they go for the police.

Then this pretty Indian girl had come in asking if there were any letters for a Miss Doris Smith. Jimmy had been pretty sure that this was the girl that the Indians were looking for but he hadn't asked. Besides, she was at the Classic Hotel and the Classic was a dump, but a safe dump. Not that the other places weren't safe but Mama Harada ran the Classic like a penitentiary. Jimmy always smiled when he thought of the gimlet-eyed Mrs. Harada. Why, one six foot Swede had had to open his bags inside out to prove he had no bottles with him. Even the cops tread quietly when they came around inquiring.

No Questions Asked

Furthermore, one of the primary rules around the Powell Cafe was no questions asked and no answers given. Why there was an old bird who had been coming here to eat since the Cafe had opened up. He ate beef stew every noon and chicken on Sundays and no one even knew his name! There were old regulars who came in daily on the split second for months and then disappeared for the fishing season or a sojourn at Oakalla. So it was with the letters that came in care of the Powell Cafe. Letters from the Old Country, South Africa and the rest of the world; letters with Govt. checks; letters in dirty envelopes, the directions scrawled with a blunt pencil; letters that sometimes lay for six months on the rack until a bewhiskered lumberjack dropped in for them.

This pretty Indian girl had come in asking for letters for Miss Doris Smith. There had been one. A letter for Miss Smith from a fellow whose handwriting was familiar to Jimmy. The sender was Dyke Abbott. Privately Jimmy always hoped that Dyke Abbot would get in a fatal accident for no lower a rat than Dyke Abbot existed. Jimmy knew Dyke Abbot for he always received and addressed his letters care of the Powell Cafe. Last year it had been a frowsy blonde who had asked for letters. Then it had been a dark woman who was drunk each time she came in for the letters. And now it had been this Indian girl who had received a letter from Dyke Abbot.

The girl and the man had sat down in a booth. Jimmy went up to serve them. He laid out the silverware, and looked at the man. It was Dyke Abbot, flashily dressed with a glittering diamond stick-pin. There was a shiny travelling bag at Dyke's feet. He had just come into town. The Indian girl was pretty and happy. "Gosh, she must be a dumb dame," thought Jimmy.

"Soup sir?" asked Jimmy.

"Yeah kid, make it two chowders."

"Yes, sir," said Jimmy as he went back for the soup. Dyke and the girl were laughing. Jimmy came back with the chowders.

"What would you like sir?"

Dyke picked up the menu and then looked at the girl. She was surreptitiously yet carefully wiping the silverware with a clean napkin. "Guess she isn't so dumb after all," thought Jimmy.

"Say, kid, get me a package of Players, cork-tip, small." Jimmy went for the cigarettes and came back with the change. He was about to put the money on the table beside Dyke when Dyke said, "Keep the change, kid."

Jimmy Gets a Tip

Jimmy was astounded. This was the first time that anyone had given him a tip. He started to protest. He wasn't going to take a tip from a guy like Dyke Abbot. But before he could frame a refusal Dyke leaned over and said to the girl, "What you you want to eat Dolores?"

So her name was Dolores and not Doris at all! Jimmy forgot about the tip. Ten to one this was the girl that Big John was looking for. Why should she be with a rat like Dyke Abbot? Didn't she know all of Dyke's girl friends didn't last? They had disappeared. Couldn't she tell that Dyke was a . . . . Dyke was ordering.

"Veal cutlet and T-Bone with mushrooms and make the steak rare."

Jimmy paced angrily to the kitchen and yelled.

"T-Bone . . . . mushroom ni veal cut-chan."

Jimmy was both angry and sad. The boss passed him and said, "Hurry up boy, go school, I finish order."

A swift look at the alarm clock showed Jimmy that there was no time for a bath or shave. He'd better hurry and change and rush. Jimmy was about to take off his jacket when he felt something in his hand. It was the fifteen cent tip. Dyke Abbot's showoff tip, the first tip anybody got at the Powell Cafe, and it was dirty money at that. Jimmy tossed the nickel and dime in his hand, clicking them together. He didn't want it. He wanted to get rid of it. He would spend it right away. Jimmy spoke to the cook and spent his first tip.

Jimmy sat fidgeting in the street car. He was late. The English class would have started . . . . they were finishing Keats tonight . . . . Last Wednesday had been Keats' "Chapman's Homer," and he and Cortez and all his men had 'looked at each other with wild surmise—silent upon a peak in Darien'.

The street car passed a clock . . . . Jimmy studied the time regretfully . . . . Dyke Abbot and the girl would be just about finishing their meal . . . . even if the cook did things slowly . . . . even if Jimmy had told the cook to make the steak well done instead of rare and to stall along . . . . even then they would be finishing.

But Dyke Would Have Trouble

But then, Dyke would have trouble showing Mama Harada that he didn't have a cache of bottles in his bag . . . . Mama Harada was probably wondering who had phoned and told her about a man with a shiny bag full of bottles coming around for a room . . . . well maybe there were bottles . . . . who knew what Dyke carried around?

Gosh, almost ten to eight . . . . why couldn't this street car travel faster . . . . like Big John Stephen with those two husky fellows were travelling over the Lion's Gate Bridge in that big car of their's . . . . right now . . . .

One block more . . . . Jimmy sat upright . . . . ready to get off . . . . hope Big John doesn't know who phoned them and told them where their girl was and with whom . . . . Jimmy hoped they wouldn't beat Dyke dead because Mama Harada wouldn't like it . . . . or break the furniture too much . . . .

After all it had been Dyke's nickel that had called up Mrs. Harada and Dyke's dime that had called up Big John . . . .

Jimmy raced up the schoolsteps with his book already open to Keats' "Nightingale" . . . . darn it all, Big John was probably just in time, but he, Jimmy, was late . . . .

for a' that ...

By T. M. K.

WE grumble and grumble that costs have gone up, that wa[ges] don't, that this and that necessity which are really luxuries . . . scarce. We strike for higher . . . leave steady peacetime jobs for highly paid wartime industries . . . scramble to ride on the crest of . . . war-inspired boom.

(I suppose if you look at it from another angle, the common labore[r], skilled or not, has to keep the capitalist from taking a too unfair advantage of this "boom" in the name of patriotism and etc., and for the sa[ke] of the future status quo.)

But stop to think!

Where else in this wide, wide wor[ld] can you get fresh strawberries in the wintertime? Where else can you g[et] an abundance of milk and butter, onions and lemons? Where else can you buy beef on the hoof if you wa[nt] to, and not sorry *ersatz*? Our brea[d] (though unsliced and unwrapped,) still snow-white, made of pure gr[ain] and milk, not of sawdust and a tree . . . ily *something* that passes for flo[ur]. We don't have to stand in lines . . . wait for rations of foodstuffs. . . . Our chain stores can find such . . . abundance that they have week[ly] sales of mounds and mounds of foo[d] which if not bought and eaten . . . away will rot.

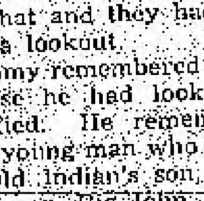
Go through any grocery store a[nd] see the shelves packed with vario[us] tins of fruits and vegetables and me[at]. Look into the green-grocers and ga[ze] thankfully at the neat piles of lettuce, cabbages, apples, oranges . . . . bins of onions, bins of potatoes! The bake shops are full of cakes and cooki[es] and breads and buns. The butche[rs] (though short just now of pork) do a roaring trade in steaks and roasts and sausages and chickens and turke[ys] and ducks for the dinner table. Our coastal waters abound in fish undis[turbed] by exploding mines and shell[s].

(We won't mention the dumping of tons of potatoes into the river, whe[n] so many stand in the breadlines ye[t].)

Far too many of us take thought of our own comforts only and forget th[at] they are blessings three-quarters of the world are without. In Gree[ce] children are starving by the hundred[s]. Bread, cheese, and olives are almo[st] non-existent. Farmlands, vineyard[s] have been laid waste. What the con[querors] themselves have not destroye[d] has been shipped into the storehouses and granaries of the marauding natio[n]. So that, not the soldiers alone, b[ut] largely the civilians,—the women an[d] children,—are without even the littl[e] they did have.

Especially the children.

It is a wonder that the amount of food we waste here, the amount w[e] manage to gorge day in and day ou[t] does not choke us. The Canadian Thanksgiving has just passed; the Am[erican] one is still on the way. . . . can our gratitude be of one day's dur[ation] only? We have so much a[nd] more to be thankful for. Let us n[ot] waste these gifts showered thus ple[n]tifully on us. Let us find in ou[r] hearts true thanks that we can sti[ll] eat and sleep and play in security.



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« « Femme-Fare » »

By CINDERELLA

AN OPEN LETTER TO A CURRENT DATE

(A letter which a young man would like to write, but doesn't, being ...tleman.)

...r Girl:

You really are swell, no doubt about that. When you don that little ... gown of yours and I bring out my tux to go high-stepping, you're ...ry extra special.

But why will you disillusion a fellow so, doing the eternally feminine ...s which drive me nuts.

Now, for instance, I call you up for a date on Friday—a table for ... at the Panorama Roof. Why won't you just say you can't make it ... that night, instead of cooing "Hello, Bob! Oh, to dinner and dance? ...love to, but when? Friday? Oh, not Friday. I can't, possibly! ...can't we make it next Tuesday instead?" And darn it, Tuesday it ... I wish you would realize that man, in his super-ego, likes to make the ...move, even if it's merely to fix the date. It makes me feel kind of ... you know.

And then, why, oh why, won't you be on time? Why must you ...ays be poking your head from around some corner upstairs with "O ... Bob. I'd almost forgotten. Isn't that really awful of me. Just ...e yourself at home. I won't be two minutes." Then, you keep me ...pstairs, waiting . . . . waiting . . . . with mother, father, brother and ...sisters giving me the once-over. And you needn't think the stalling ...asses me . . . . that little feminine trick of not appearing "too anx... you know. I'm not so dumb, you know.

And, when, after a long last, you finally come sweeping down the ...s, looking like a dream, why must you spoil the picture by "My, you ...simply grand. I just love to see men in white tie and tails! But ... is it that no man, absolutely no man that I know, can tie a tie!" ...r must you insist on the "feminine touch!" I've been tying ties for ...last quarter of a century, and I'm quite capable of tying mine without ...s of that so-called "feminine touch", thank you.

And, why must you carry all your primitive tools with you even ...to the dance floor? You invariably say to me, "You don't mind carry... these, do you? There's an angel! Yes, just slip these into your ...ket. You don't mind, do you? Now, let me see . . . . you have every... my comb . . . . my lipstick . . . . my puff." Perhaps you ...k you are appealing to my protective instincts or something . . . . but ... more than annoying to have to go through the evening with bulgy ...kets.

And dear girl, why must you be romantic at the wrong time? The ...adage your grandmother taught you . . . . that the way to a man's ...art is through his stomach . . . . even though it's not home-cooking ... still holds good, but you insist, just as the faint aroma of soup ...ls my nostrils and the music of Dal Richards soothes my work-wearied ...d, upon jumping up with, "O, let's skip the soup. How can you be ...gry with that wonderful music? Who cares about food, anyway!" ...s may not care for food, dear girl, but I do . . . . and what's more, ...e to pay for it.

And, why must you pretend? Back to a cold dinner, you coax me ...pand upon my career, punctuating every little statement I make with ... how wonderful? Marvellous? And so you closed the deal? ... then, in the next breath, "Oh, look! Do you see who ...me hear" ... then, in the next breath, "Yoo hoo, Ann! Hello! ...came in?" And she's not with her fiance! You know darn well you weren't interested, so ...'t join them." Really, I know darn well you weren't interested, so ...y take the trouble to pretend. Why, too, can't you remember that ...can see your precious Ann some other day . . . . and that this evening ...mine?

And, as the evening progresses, you are forever fishing into my ...kets for your tools, saying as you do so, "It's not only discouraging, ...t simply frustrating! Here, I get that divine Ivan for a new hair-do, ...d just look at this mess, now!" Then, you proceed to powder that ...e nose of yours, scattering powder in my coffee and on my lapel, or ...in combing that mop of yours . . . . I'd love a lock of your hair— ...t not floating in my dessert! Surely, you could retire gracefully for ...king up. After all, what if I were to fish into my back pocket for a ...zor and begin shaving, wiping my blade on the serviette. I'll bet you'd ...e disgusted.

And then, don't you know when a man's had enough? But no, you ...st to go places. No, you must say, "O, it's too lovely to go home ... let's do the town!" If you could only remember that even the best ... things will pall . . . . even a date with you . . . . if it drags into the ...e small hours.

Dear girl, it's the little things that disillusion a fellow. Otherwise, ...ou're extra special!

NISEI BOY.

Jobs, Morals, Marriage Studied at Bussei Conference

Everybody Out to Help Red Cross Unit

November 10 is the night. Alma Academy is the place. Harry Price is the Orchestra.

Knit them all together and the result will be a nice, warm, glowy feeling, that comes from a good time, a friendly crowd, and the knowledge that your shekels will be going to a h--uva good cause.

The Nisei Red Cross Unit is banking for support upon the whole Nisei community —Sport clubs, school societies, religious bodies, political organizations, students, kindred folk, in fact, everybody!

Tickets are only $1.25 a couple.

Broken Engagement

Mary Ruriko Okazaki wishes to announce her broken engagement from "Ill Health" and at the same time announce her forthcoming engagement and marriage to his kinder and handsomer brother, "Good Health."

She would like to take this opportunity to thank her many friends for their letters, cards, flowers, gifts and phone calls during her unhappy one year betrothal to "Ill Health." As she has not fully recoved from his rough handling, she will not be able to resume her activities and studies for a few months to come.

"Uptown Chic"

Softness is the keynote for the new fur-trimmed coats . . . Relaxed shoulders . . . slender, softly belted waists . . . collars that snuggle against the chin . . . simple downward flowing lines . . . and that "wrap around feeling" that you've read about in the Mademoiselle".

Squirrel goes high, wide and handsome in popularity, also foxes, Persians and others. Priced under $25 at Modiste in special "half" and small sizes for Niseiettes.

If you prefer casuals, in young carefree styles . . . . The latest are snappy herringbones, including brown and green . . worth-a-lot more than the less-than-20 dollars price tag.

A visit now at Modiste will ensure you that "uptown chic" in your new fall or winter coat.

Brand Wedding Extravagances

Attesting to the keenness of the problem and to its personal interest to so many Niseis, the much-discussed marriage question received a thorough going-over in the English study group at the Annual Bussei Conference last Sunday.

Delegates were almost unanimous in agreeing that needless waste and extravagance should be eliminated in the community. But the practical difficulties in putting an "economy plan" into operation were clearly foreseen.

Delegates recognized that special conditions exist in different areas, and it would be necessary for each group to investigate marriage cost more fully. It was agreed that common action would have to be accepted before any plan could be made effective.

Stressed in the discussion on morals was the need for Niseis to conduct themselves very carefully in public places. It was felt that Canadians judge the whole community by what they see, and every Nisei had a moral responsibility to the whole.

Discussions on the vocational problem were keen. One point of view urged that the Niseis should hold fast to Japanese concepts of industry and toil, and not to adopt the more lax standards of Canadian workers. One speaker urged that the Nisei should try to consolidate their hold on their jobs now by proving themselves better workmen. A differing point of view was that Niseis should maintain the standards of Canadian workers, since otherwise they would cause resentment.

It was agreed, however, that the Nisei shold make every effort to improve his own skill and ability, and not be discouraged from training himself for a better job.

Urge Appreciation Of Spiritual Duties

The central problem of deepening the spiritual consciousness of young Buddhists was a question of importance discussed by the delegates to the 3rd annual Bussei Conference, who met for sessions in Japanese.

Here it was seen that the teachers and leaders in the Buddhist Church were placed in a responsible position, since their attitude and behaviour is one of the most important factors in leading the younger people to an appreciation of their religious principles.

While some concern was felt over the fact that the younger element seems to concentrate their activity in sport, it was felt that increasing maturity would bring to them a more vital understanding of cultural activity and religion.

Leadership training was urged to train more and more of the younger people to assume responsibilities of leadership. Similarly, it was urged that a simplification of Buddhist scripture, to present them in term understandable to the Nisei, be arranged in lectures.

Fostering of good relations with Occidentals both by Nisei and Issei was also agreed to be desirable and necessary in the discussion.

Discussions on the "Life Improvement Problem" resulted in a concrete resolution expressing support of the Bussei League for any movement designed to simplify ceremonies such as marriages, births and deaths.

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A Two-Fold Challenge

The Japanese Branch of the Vancouver Welfare Federation has launched a campaign to raise $3,500 from the community, to carry on its work of ministering to the poor, the sick, the needy, the underprivileged members of our own group.

This objective which the local branch has set for itself is the highest in history. It is so not because the need is growing. It is so because it marks a determined wish on the part of our Welfare officials to make our own community as nearly self-supporting in its social service work as is possible. It is because our leaders think the time has arrived when we ought to assume not only the responsibility for funds spent directly through our own facilities, but also the responsibility for the benefits accorded to many of our compatriots through the extensive organization of the Vancouver Welfare Federation.

What we are being asked to do is to assume a share in the costs, not only of the Japanese Branch, but also of the 50-odd affiliated agencies, wherever and whenever their work is of service to one of our own group.

We have thus placed on our doorstep a challenge that is two-fold. It is a ringing challenge to our own community pride and self-respect. It is a moving appeal to our individual hearts. Long, long ago, one of the world's brothers asked: "Am I my brother's keeper?" And the history of mankind since has been only to prove the answer cannot but be other than "Yes"!

Service In Defence Industry

Under the leadership of the Japanese American Citizens' League, American-born Japanese have won another signal victory in their struggle for full acceptance as American citizens.

Since the outbreak of the war they have been serving with distinction, both as volunteers and as selectees, in the training camps of the nation. No discrimination, in that regard, has been exercised against them; and the wisdom and statesmanship of the Government, in following that course, is being continually demonstrated.

Now they have won a promise that every effort will be made to eliminate racial bias that might prevent them from giving of their skill and ability in essential defence industries. They have secured an assurance that applications for jobs from American-born Japanese will be given special attention, to make sure that the racial question does not determine their rejection. Thus a way has been opened for individual second generation, endowed with a native skill, or trained in responsible work, to exploit their ability and training to their country's benefit. At the same time they will know the joy of useful, interesting work well done.

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In British Columbia, as is well known, the course adopted by the Government insofar as military service is concerned, has been the exact opposite to the American example, and by implication it may be branded in terms opposite to those used in commendation of our neighbour to the south.

Service in defence industry is another matter. Although much loose talk has been heard as to the probable discrimination in defence industry, few if any important test cases have been brought to public attention. It is known that the number of Canadian-born Japanese employed by concerns with Government defence contracts is very limited, but whether this is due to the racial factor or more to the lack of skill is a moot point.

It would seem essential, therefore, that those Niseis who are fully qualified to be of service should seek a rightful place in defence workshops. They may meet with rebuffs and discouragments. But a determined fight at this time may open up opportunities for many second generation who are today wasting their skill and intelligence in monotonous, ill-paid jobs—to their own and to their country's indubitable loss.

Other Editors Say . . .

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fair play indicated—

(From the Seattle Courier)

A recent statement by a group of citizens of California provides hope that people of Japanese extraction not only will be given careful consideration in the stormy times just ahead, but also tends to show they are well-regarded by their neighbours.

The group is known as the Northern California Committee On Fair Play For Citizens and Aliens of Japanese Extraction. Rather a long title, but we hope the influence of the group will be as lengthy . . . there can be no question as to the high character of the committee membership.

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The statement correctly says: **"Handling relations with the Japanese Government is the job of our national government, but the treatment given those citizens and non-citizens in California who happen to be of Japanese extraction is the responsibility of us Californians."**

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As Governor Olson is quoted in pointing out, if friction aroused by our relations with Japan should generate much heat, then he would rely on the fact that protection of the rights of minorities has always been a basic tenet of this government and "the American sense and practice of fair play." This last idea is one that seems to be firmly imbedded in the policy of the committee.

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call to the colors—

(An editorial from the Seattle North American Times.)

There is disparaging talk among some Nippon-machi parents. They complain that their sons are being taken into the U. S. army more than their Caucasian brothers, in terms of percentages. And they point to the naughty old standby, prejudice.

Prejudice because their boys are accepted as able-bodied and physically-fit for army service? Nonsense!

Parents whose male offsprings are inducted should be proud. They should be thankful their boys are not sickly and cringing under the dreadful spell of veneral disease and their likes.

In general, the Japanese boys, the majority of whom participate in sports, are clean-living. Most of them do not indulge in excessive dissipation. Although they are not all giants in size alongside their fellow servicemen, their health is something to brag about.

And since the Nisei have been talking about "loyalty to the United States" ever since they first woke up to the fact that they are bona-fide Americans, the one-track-minded parents should not allow this kind of "prejudice" to belittle their boys' efforts to prove that they are regular Yankees.

Every other American, regardless of his race, creed or religion, is answering the call to the colors, you know.

Nisei and Religion

(The Second of Two Articles by the Editorial Staff)

WE suggested last week that in past centuries the Japanese mind has not been profoundly disturbed or inspired by fundamental religious or philosophical inquiry. But whatever its source or manner of inspiration, it is obvious that spiritual observance at least has played an all-important role in shaping the character of the common people of Japan. Love of nature, ancestor worship, Shinto precepts, Confucian ethics and Buddhist doctrine—all of these have been important influences. And it is safe to say that religious attitudes have been more or less ingrained in the average first generation but not, happily, to the point of fanaticism.

Hence in the Japanese community in Canada today, we find an interesting variety of churches, some strong and flourishing, others less so. We have the "orthodox" Buddhist organization, the Nichiren temple, and a Christian Church both Catholic and Protestant, the latter sub-divided into the familiar denominations. And while the spiritual heads of each church are probably concerned over the apparent lack of fervor of a sufficient number of the people, none of the institutions shows any apparent signs of a rapid decay.

Perpetuate The "Racial" Church

Certainly both the Buddhist and Christian religions have indicated a strong tendency to perpetuate themselves in the Japanese community through the medium of a "racial" church—a racial church that more and more is coming to depend upon the Nisei for its strength and membership. In both major religious divisions, the chief medium to ensure perpetuation has been the use of the Sunday School as a training ground, and the organization of various group activities for young people preparatory to the time when they are sufficiently mature or sufficiently indoctrinated to lend their support to their respective institutions.

Organized training of this type, of course, has long been an integral part of Christian education, so that its progress among the Nisei has been most marked to date in the Christian Church. But the Buddhist Church, too, has adopted these techniques, and has pioneered with success in the new field of adjusting its organizational set-up to its spiritual doctrine. Probably the motivating factor—conscious or unconscious—in the introduction of Buddhist Sunday Schools, Kindergartens, young people's club and even English services, has been less a wish to adopt a Canadian custom, and more a recognition that a substitute for moral training in the home, which is so important in Japan, had to be found in Canada. Nor, indeed, was the Buddhist Church slow to recognize the vital need for these techniques, if the interest of the Nisei was to be held.

Religious Programs Meet With Success

These programs of religious training, it would seem, are meeting with some success. The organization of "Junior" churches as a logical and attractive means of worship for the second generation is but one indication of this. Another is the enthusiasm which seems to attend annual religious conferences, such as the 3rd annual Bussei gathering just come to an end, and the 7th annual inter-denominational meeting of Protestant young people due shortly.

But a more significant test is to what degree are the Nisei developing a vital religious sense. To what degree are they stepping into the shoes of the older people, to assume responsibilities of spiritual guidance and service. This is the test that ought to be applied both to the large bulk of indifferent or non-church-going Niseis as well as to the actual church-goers. And on this score, perhaps, the picture is not so encouraging, for neither the average Christian Nisei nor the average Buddhist Nisei would appear to be at all deeply imbued by the spiritual beliefs, which, in the final analysis, are basic to the Church.

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Needed—A Vital Religious Sense

One final word may be added at this time, and that is to stress the vital need for a genuine religious sense in the average Nisei today. For, "intellectuals" and "economic determinists" to the contrary, we shall not find a happy solution to the general Nisei problem without it. There is a deepening fallacy in Nisei thinking today that if we could only acquire higher standards of living, we should achieve the "good life". And thus our efforts are perhaps bent too far in that direction. Yet a moment's reflection will serve to show that these higher standards will not be easily accomplished in our life-time, that many of us will not acquire them, and even if we did, they would guarantee very little to us.

Thus, even a realist and a sceptic, surveying the Nisei scene, is driven back again and again to a "return to religion". All our problems ultimately resolve themselves into questions of human, individual worth, of individual morality, strength and integrity. Few of us, if any, are so highly developed that we can take all our difficulties—vocational, political, and social—in our stride, without faltering badly under their successive blows. If we are to adjust ourselves, our aspirations and our frustrations (and few Niseis are without both) to reality, we have a grave and deepening need for a vital religious sense. Only so far as we are able to develop a spiritual and philosophical credo, will the average one of us become aware of life's deeper opportunities, and achieve a way of life that brings us happiness and satisfaction.

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Sunday, November 2, at 10:30 in the morning, a Sunday School Rally will be held, in which the three schools conducted by the Church will combine, in the Gymnasium building. Rev. Horace C. Burkholder will speak on "Partnership."

At 7:30 in the evening, the Anniversary Service will be held in the Powell Street Church. Rev. Y. Akagawa, one of the former pastors of the Church, will speak in Japanese, the subject being "The Church Marches On."

The message to the English-speaking section will be brought by Rev. W. P. Bunt, the superintendent of Home Missions, whose subject will be "The Challenge of the Times." Miss Fumi Ohori will sing a solo, and the choir under the leadership of Miss Margaret McDuffee, will render two anthems.

Greetings will be brought by Rev. Robert Harbison from the Presbytery, by Miss Gwen Suttie from the Women's Missionary Society, by Miss Hide Hyodo from the Junior Church, as well as by Dr. E. C. Hennigar, a returned missionary from Japan, and Dr. S. S. Osterhout, the former superintendent of missions. Rev. K. Shimizu, who has just completed the fifteenth year as the pastor of the Church, will preside.

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1—Japanese School Badminton Social, Hastings Auditorium, 7 p.m.
1—Nisei Christian Fellowship, Shogo Omura's Home, Hammond, 8 p.m.
1-2—Kitsilano YWBA Bazaar, Kitsilano Bukkyokai, 6-12 p.m. and 10 a.m.-11 p.m.
1—Third Avenue Junior Church Hallowe'en Social, 7:30 p.m., 15c.
2—Powell Church Anniversary Services, 10.30 a.m.-7.30 p.m.
4—So-Ed Evening, YMCA, 8 p.m.
5-9—Annual YPCC, YMCA Building, Burrard and Nelson.
10—Mikado Seinenkai Roller-fest, Happyland.
10—Red Cross Dance, Alma Academy, Harry Price, $1.25 couple.

Uptown Coffee Bar New Nisei Nite Spot

A new, cosy coffee bar already heading for popularity among the Nisei younger set is the Uptown Coffee Bar, scheduled to open this evening with a roar.

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The Bar will open tonight with the Seikokai Y.M.A. holding a Hallowe'en social there from 8 p.m. The fee to the public is only 15c.

● **Rissho Seinenkai Raffle**

The Rissho Seinenkai is sponsoring a raffle to raise funds for the club's winter activities. Tickets may be obtained from any member at 15c each or two for 25c. Five valuable prizes, including a $30 radio, will be drawn December 26th.

Mark T. Kobayashi, new president of the club, succeeding Johnny Deshima, announces that plans are being undertaken to organize a Junior Club for boys and girls of high school age.

Red Cross Thanks

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TOWN TOPICS

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The baishakunins are Mr. and Mrs. Nishino and Mr. and Mrs. Y. Ito.

● **Nisei Christian Fellowship**

Members and friends are reminded of the important meeting to be held Saturday night, at 8 p.m., at the home of Shogo Omura in Hammond, when Rev. A. J. L. Haynes will speak. If there is fog, however, the meeting will be cancelled.

● **Kits Y.W.B.A. Bazaar . . .**

Kitsilano Y.W.B.A. will sponsor a fall bazaar this week-end at the Kitsilano Bukkyuokai Hall, complete with all the trimmings. It will be open from 6 to 12 p.m. Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Sunday.

● **Hallowe'en Doings . . .**

Members of the Junior Church of the Third Avenue Seikokai will conspire with witches, spooks and ghosts this coming Saturday, November 1, at a Hallowe'en Social to be held in the Church Hall.

Bring your friends. The fee is only 15c. And the fun begins at 7:30 p.m.!

● **Nurses' Social**

Nisei nurses put aside hospital cares when they met at the home of Miss Mikki Uyede, 2642 Triumph St., last Wednesday evening, October 29, for a social evening.

This is the first of a series of discussion meetings to be held during the winter.

● **With This Ring . . .**

Of wide interest to their wide circle of friends in Woodfibre, Ganges and Vernon, is the wedding this coming Saturday, November 1, of Grace Hideko, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kawano, of Cold Stream Ranch, Vernon, to Jerry Kazumi, elder son of Mr. N. Ito, of Ganges, at Holy Cross Church.

Officiating at the late after- too tense to permit his absence ma. A reception to immediate relatives will be held at the Sun Pekin immediately after the wedding.

The baishakunin for this happy event is Mr. M. Izumigawa.

● **Visitor . . .**

Visiting and shopping in the city this week-end was Miss Kiku Tani, of Port Alberni.

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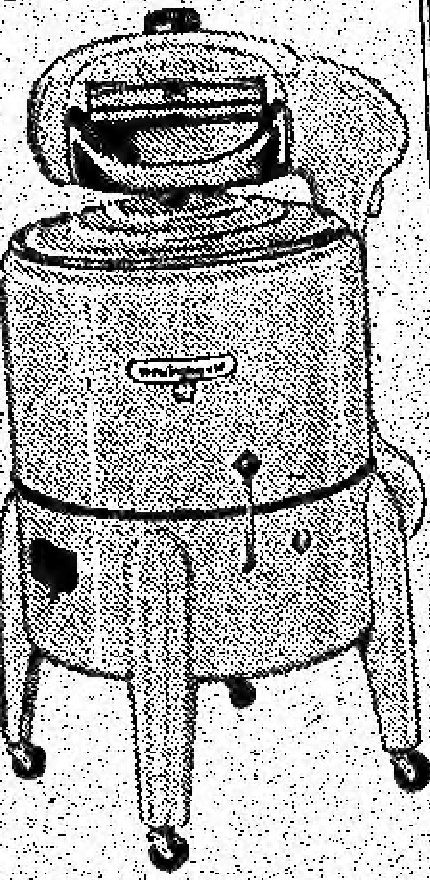

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JCCL Hears Social Disease Talkies

VICTORIA.—As a follow-up to one of the health questions discussed during the recent J.C.C.L. Nisei Conference, the October meeting of the Victoria Chapter held Friday, October 24, featured a program on the question of social disease.

Following a brief business period, the meeting was taken over by Mr. H. C. Rhodes and Miss P. Capelle from the Provincial Board of Health, under whose capable leadership a very interesting questionnaire was conducted with the members participating.

Two talkies were also shown, "Syphilis Can Be Cured," and "Nine Cents Per Capital."

Hearty thanks from every member and many Issei present were extended to Mr. Rhodes and Miss Capelle for an interesting and enlightening topic well-handled.

Notice—to other chapters of the J.C.C.L.:

From talking to Mr. Rhodes we understand that any of the other chapters wishing to have these showings at their meetings may make arrangements by contacting him at the Provincial Board of Health, Division of Venereal Disease Control, 2700 Yaurel St., Vancouver.

Chemainus and Paldi please take note: Mr. Rhodes will be in Nanaimo in the near future—so write him if interested for possible arrangements.

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The Victoria Chapter acknowledges with thanks donations of $2 each from Miss Aiko Kondo and Mr. Nakasone.

Mr. and Mrs. Masao Kuwabara, 540 Dunedin St., were "at home" to their many friends last Saturday night. After a buffet supper, games and dancing were enjoyed till the wee sma' hours.

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Valley JCCL Holds Issei-Nisei Parley

The Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, J.C.C.L. is sponsoring a joint meeting with Issei and Nisei representatives from all organizations in Pitt Meadows, Haney, Hammond and Whonnock. The meeting is to be held on Sunday, November 9, from 1 p.m. in the Haney Hall.

Many interesting topics will be threshed out. A representative from the Vancouver J.C.C.L. will be present.

A full turnout of members is requested.

Mission Young Men Sponsor Movie Night

MISSION.—Members of the Mission Young Women's Buddhist Association chose Miss Nobue Hashimoto as their president for the ensuing year at the annual meeting of the Association held last Sunday, October 26.

Under chairmanship of Kimiko Hisaoka, the retiring president Aki Amemori spoke, and Toshie Hashimoto submitted the treasurer's report.

Elected as executive officers were: Hideko Kunimoto, vice-president; Aki Amemori, secretary, Shigeko Nomura, treasurer, and Kimiko Hisaoka, Miss Shimoda, and Kinko Amemori, social convenors.

The local Seinenkai is sponsoring a movie night, Saturday evening, November 1, at the Japanese School Hall, when Naruishi Films will present "Taki no Shiraito," and "Yoshioka Sensei". The evening will begin at 7 p.m. Canadian.

Nisei Assist in Pitt Meadows Concert

PITT MEADOWS.— Niseis shared the limelight with occidental amateur artists at a highly successful Red Cross Concert, sponsored by the Pitt Meadows Women's Institute at the local Hall, Friday evening, October 24.

Taking part in the concert, the proceeds of which went to the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Red Cross Unit, were Amy Mitani, attractive Haney Niseiette, who delighted the audience with her rendition of current popular song hits, and Betty Namba, also of Haney, who accompanied Miss Mitani at the piano.

Kito Kato, premier Nisei jitterbug, was given a big hand for his nimble interpretations of the latest swing steps, his contribution to the program.

Responsible in large part for the success of the evening was a local Nisei, Frank Hoshizaki, who spent considerable time and effort in securing the services of not only Nisei but Occidental amateur performers as well.

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Steveston Static . . .

Varied Program for Baseball Benefit

STEVESTON. — The S.R.O. sign is expected to be hung out at the Bukkyokai Hall here, Saturday night, at 7 o'clock, when the Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association sponsors a variety concert in aid of the Steveston Fuji Baseball Club.

Assisting artists from Vancouver, New Westminster and Hammond and the cream of Steveston's own talent will parade their acts, in music, song, dance and drama.

The New Westminster Young Women's Buddhist Association will contribute a Japanese drama, "Matsuyama Kagami" to the evening's entertainment.

Musical highlights will include solos by well-known Vancouverites, Lily Shishido, Mary Dalzell, and Kay Homma, the latter two accompanied by the piano-accordion team of Vernon Hakkaku and Shirley Handa.

Among those appearing in "odori" numbers are Yoshiko Okada, Haruye Tatebe, Masayo Tsuchimoto, Miyoshi Hayashida, Mitsue Okada, Miyoko Ne... zuye.

Adam Moriyama will render his popular cowboy yodelling, while Yoshimaru Abe comes down from Hammond to appear in a "Rakugo."

Master of Ceremonies will be K. Kishi, while M. Tanimoto will deliver the opening address.

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The Steveston Y.P.S. will hold a Hallowe'en Social on Saturday, November 1st, 8 p.m., at the United Church Kindergarten.

The society will have as its guests the members of the New Westminster Japanese Y.P.S.

In honour of Miss Yaeko Tsumemoto, whose marriage to Mr. Doug Oike takes place shortly, a miscellaneous shower will be held by her friends on Sunday, November 2, in the afternoon, at the Steveston United Church.

Bloedel Banner

By C. A.

Timber cruisers aboard the Canadian Airways seaplane chartered by Bloedel were instrumental in the purchase by this firm in mid-October, of 400 million feet of virgin timber standing between the Elk River Timber limits and Salmon River.

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Lady Luck or no Lady Luck—this correspondent is thoroughly convinced Matt Phillips is jinxed as far as gamegetting is concerned. While others have brought home plenty with this guide, Matt so far has downed no 'meal' and almost half way across the Island at that.

Being big city boys during October 17-19 was okay, but give me the wide open spaces.

A crowd of dancers gathered from far and wide at the Bloedel Community Hall on October 25. The proceeds were donated to the Canadian Red Cross.

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That's Left . . . by j. m.

conomic Classes & Political Parties

Not unlike the groundhog when he hears the first coaxing voices Spring, and the Liberal and Conservative Associations just prior to an ction, as we have just observed, J. M. has decided to come out of bernation and again grace the pages of this worthy journal with his ments.

The recent J.C.C.L. National Convention in its commission on Three Squares a Day Plus" has revealed in no uncertain terms that the are much concerned with the way they earn their daily bread. They t to do more than just pray for it, and so are now taking an active erest in methods of organizing to improve their welfare and increase ir security. The trophy winning speech in the National Oratorical ntest sponsored by the J.C.C.L. further indicated this when the speaker ted that our problems in this respect were inherently in the present nomic framework. What we must do then to gain this end is to have me understanding of the functioning of present day society.

Previous issues of this column have described economic and social organization; in this issue we shall deal with the political aspect of our society.

In the Provincial Elections just over we were given some idea of how political parties work, and the common, working man was made to feel some importance by glib-tongued politicians who came to solicit his te after forgetting him for four years. We had the usual round of promises of what the party would do when elected to office or when returned. Upon close examination of the party platforms we notice no fundamental difference between that of the Liberals and

ASIC POLITICAL DIFFERENCES

e Conservative for theirs was a competition in covering up past blunders. But we noticed a difference in the platform of the other major party, e C.C.F. And in realizing this difference we gain a very important political concept which gives us an understanding of political organizations.

This essential difference between the C.C.F. and the Liberals and Conservatives is based on their attitude toward the ownership of property. The C.C.F. maintain that property used for producing economic goods should be owned by the people themselves through the state, whilst the other two parties are zealous to maintain the present system of private ownership. The first wants goods produced to meet the needs of people, whilst the latter two would have them produced, as now, only for profit

OF PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

g the owners. And on this basic issue of property the Conservatives and e Liberals are as one person. The other differences that there may be between these two parties are merely incidental and in the main purely fictitious, except one has by its past history proved itself perhaps more incompetent than the other.

Since this fundamental difference arises from the attitude toward property we find that those who live off property are eager and determined to continue their ownership and hence vote either Conservative or Liberal. On the other hand those who gain their living by selling their labour power, when aware of the nature of economic organization and the resulting social and political alignments, almost inevitably vote C.C.F. or some other working class candidate.

When the party has a majority of members in the legislature it is called upon to form the government which uses its constitutional authority to administer the laws of the province. It is able to amend or repeal laws unfavourable with its objectives or it may introduce new legislation to improve its position and that of its supporters by having the desired proposals accepted by the legislature.

We find working class members condemning anti-labor legislation and calling for its repeal, and introducing favourable proposals which are rigorously opposed by other members who speak for employers. Legislation which will increase the security of the worker, which will recognize his rights in law and thereby effectively increase his bargaining power, are not usually passed by non-working class governments—unless workers are organized and made politically conscious and

LABOUR NEEDS POLITICAL POWER

are thereby able to force the hand of reluctant members. Working people are therefore faced with the need of not only strong, well-organized and militant trade unions, but also their own political party which when it becomes the government will be able to use the state power and authority to pass legislation and to organize administrative systems for their own benefit.

Victoria School Honors Teachers

VICTORIA.—The 20th anniversary of the founding of the local Japanese Language School was commemorated here on October 22 at the Gogakko Hall at a social attended by more than 140 members of the community—a probably all-time high for attendance in the annals of the local Japanese community.

A varied program by students of the school was well received.

During the evening the executive of the newly-formed Gakuyukai were introduced as follows: Mr. George Kuwata, president; Mrs. S. Mori, vice-president; and Miss Yaeko Henmi, secretary.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of an engraved silver tray to the teachers, Rev. and Mrs. R. Ogura, in recognition of their long years of service.

Nomura May Return to Japan for Personal Consultations

WASHINGTON. — Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese ambassador to the United States, may return to Tokyo for consultations with the new cabinet on U.S.-Japanese relations.

If it is decided that the present situation in the Pacific is til tense to permit his absence from Washington, it is expected that the embassy counsellor, Sadao Iguchi, will go.

It was understood that Nomura feels keenly the state of public opinion in the United States regarding Japan and Japan's possible moves in the Far East. He believes a war with Japan would have unquestioned public support in the United States and that the prevailing view here is that a victory over Japan could be achieved without great effort.

Nomura wishes to advise his home government of the feeling here and prefers to do it in personal consultations.

G-Men Raid Offices of Los Angeles Ass'n.

LOS ANGELES. — Uncle Sam's men are keeping a close watch on the Japanese community, as tension in the Pacific keeps on unabated.

Last week, about 11 o'clock at night, a squad of agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, made swift surprise raids on two Japanese Association offices in the heart of Los Angles' Japanese downtown section.

Eight F.B.I. agents (G-men) searched the premises of the Central Japanese Association, while four others raided the Los Angeles Japanese Association.

It was reported that documents confiscated from the two offices included files on dual nationality and records of funds sent to various organizations in Japan through the associations.

First Mum Tea Aids Chemainus PTA

By S. E. Y.

Under the joint sponsorship of the Japanese Parents Association and the Parent-Teacher Association, a show of Chrysanthemums and tea will be staged at the Chemainus Elementary School. The full proceeds of this show will be handed over to the P.T.A. Treasury.

This is the first show of its kind ever held in Chemainus and we anticipate a good turn-out for the occasion.

It will be held at the Chemainus Elementary School at 8-10 p.m. on November 3rd, Monday.

A general meeting of the Chemainus Chapter will be held at the Japanese Hall on Sunday, November 2, commencing from 6:30 p.m.

Every member is urged to attend this meeting as important subjects will be discussed and the Report of the Convention will be given.

Prince Rupert Hums With Activity

By HIROSHI HAMASAKI

PRINCE RUPERT.—Hideka Suyehiro, active young Nisei leader, was chosen to head the local Japanese Canadian Youth Organization at the last general meeting of the club.

Also filling executive positions are: Hiroyuki Yamanaka, vice-president; Kiyo Suyehiro, recording secretary; Shoji Shimizu, Japanese corresp. secretary; Hiroshi Hamasaki, English corresp. secretary; Emily Yamanaka, treasurer; and Chica Nishikaze and Mary Nonnoyama, social convenors.

The executive is already busy with plans for making the coming year a successful and progressive one.

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24-year old Fujio "Joe" Aida, Prince Rupert born Nisei, is added to the list of young men who have taken actual steps to seek a place in the Canadian armed forces.

Many friends gathered at the wharf here last week to bid him farewell, when he sailed for Vancouver, hoping to enlist in the Medical Corps.

Aida has been carrying on the business established by his father in Smithers, B.C. He is well-known as a skier.

Guest of honor at a party last Saturday, sponsored by the J.C.Y.O., he was presented with a token of remembrance from the Japanese Association. Sadao Suga made the presentation.

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Among local people in Vancouver at present are Setsuo Kuwahara, carrying on his studies; and Miss M. Nonnoyama and Miss H. Kihara, enjoying vacations.

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Canon Dixon, general secretary of Oriental Missions, was the guest speaker at a well-attended Fellowship Tea and Supper held by the Nippon A. Y. P. A.

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Young people of this city gathered to trip the light fantastic some time ago at Dave's Coffee Spot, in honor of Miss Kume Kihara, who left Rupert for Vancouver prior to her marriage to Mr. C. Miyama, of Ocean Falls.

Hosts for the evening were Koichi Nishikaz, Tsuneji Nakamoto and Ryoichi Kihara.

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At a quiet 3 o'clock afternoon wedding, Mikiko, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Doi, became the bride of Mr. Isami Matsumoto, second son of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Matsumoto, of this city. Very Rev. Dean J. B. Gibson officiated at the ceremony at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Later at the Japanese Hall a reception was held where guests joined in best wishes to the happy couple.

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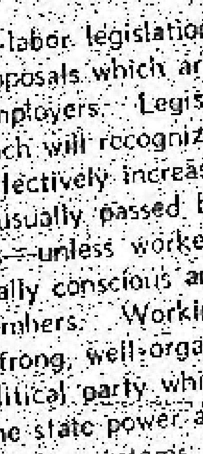

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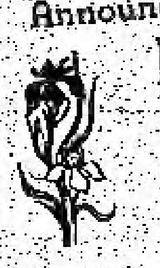

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Overcome Handicaps As Miyazaki, Fukumoto, Tokawa Shine

Yell it out loud! Let the whole community know about it! Congrats are in the air and president Mi Akiyama's and coach Kinzo Fujioka's faces are wreathed in the biggest grins ever seen. The cause of all this jubilation is the way in which the Nippons, entered as an Intermediate B squad, overcame the height handicap by speed and superlative performance to nose out the Intermediate A boys from the Y.M.C.A. by a score of 32-29 last night.

It was a dog-fight right from the start. Nippons, although trailing 9-6 at the end of the quarter, fought back, bravely paced by the surprise performance of gangling Kenny Miyazaki, who seemed to be everywhere intercepting passes.

The Nippons took the lead in the second canto for the first time as Toru Tokawa, Hashimoto, Sub. Miike and Toyama scored field goals to give the Nippons a 16-11 lead at rest time.

Y.M.C.A., spurred by the rest, sizzled for a while and grabbed an 18-17 lead, but as fast as the lead changed hands Ken Miyazaki's two one-handed swishers brought the lead back to our boys.

It was the thrill-packed last canto race that really set the crowd on its feet. Y.M.C.A. went wild again, scoring 9 points without a comeback to take a 29-26 lead. This time it was husky 'Mush' Fukumoto who saved the day and paved the way for the Nippons' first victory. He netted two free throws and a basket with but a minute to spare, giving the Nippons the lead again 30-29. Another swisher by Sakai Tsukamoto clinched the game for the giant-killing Nippons.

NIPPONS—Tokawa (6); Hashimoto (2); Fukumoto (6); Miike (6); Tsukamoto (2); Matsubara; Miyazaki (8); Tabata; Toyama (2); Uyeno; Yamaba; Maikawa—32.

Score by Quarters:

Nippons	6	16	24	32
Y.M.C.A.	9	12	20	29

SKI TRAILS

By F. S. C.

Out of the many members of the Fuji Ski Club, only eight old faithfuls turned out in response to our final work-day appeal. While a few of those absent had really good excuses, we found out the majority were just lazy and too selfish in pursuit of their own pleasures. Those who did turn out, put in a good days work.

While the boys, Bob, Ray, Bill, Walter, Tom and Bus busied themselves with the saw, axe and wedge, Misses Fumi Deshima, Mary and Mitsue Ito dutifully cooked and washed dishes for the hungry boys.

Those who failed to do their share of work last Sunday are urged to make a special effort this, positively the last working Sunday.

Due to unforeseen complications, the previously announced Cabin Warm-up, scheduled for November 15, will be cancelled indefinitely. However the public is cordially welcomed to attend our Grand Opener on December 6 at the Hastings Auditorium.

Re Canadian Skier (Official Organ C.A.S.A.)

Any members interested in this publication in regard to rates and particulars are asked to get in touch with Sam Hagino at once. Since the first issue comes out on November 20, it is necessary for the secretary to send in the orders, available at club rates, by November 5. Place your order without delay!

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Soccer Schedule To Start Sunday

Let it rain or let it shine! Old man Pluvius's decision will carry little or no weight this Sunday because the Vancouver Japanese Soccer League will stage its double-bill opener regardless of the weather.

With a handsome cup donated by the Tanaka Brothers Bicycle Shop, at stake, the four teams, Cambie Tigers, Fairview Bluebirds, Kitsilano Redwing and the ex-Nippons from the downtown section, will officially open the current soccer season.

'Tis only a hearsay, but the Cambie Tigers are regarded as the soccer supremacy. The pick of the players from all sections of the town stud their lineup. Some of the individual stars that make up the team are Naka brothers, Tony and Mosy, Sazo Ohashi, Yozy Yasui, 'Sub' Miike and 'Mush' Fukumoto of basketball fame.

Eichi Goto, manager of the Ex-Nippons, declares his team is going to supply a lot of competition for the Tigers. Contrary to belief that the Ex-Nippons will be made up of veterans, the team will be composed of young and up-and-coming soccer players from the downtown district.

The complete schedule

First Half

Nov.
2—Ex-Nippons vs. Fairview
Cambie vs. Kitsilano.
9—Fairview vs. Cambie.
Kitsilano vs. Ex-Nippons.
16—Ex-Nippons vs. Cambie.
Fairview vs. Kitsilano.

Second Half

23—Fairview vs. Ex-Nippons.
Kitsilano vs. Cambie.
30—Cambie vs. Fairview.
Ex-Nippons vs. Kitsilano.
Dec.
7—Cambie vs. Ex-Nippons.
Kitsilano vs. Fairview.

Sports Spotli

The current sport's conversation in local coffee ha hangouts clude a wide selection of recreations covering everything from Bo 'rug-cutting'. Mellon-tossing, shuttle-busting, ping-pong, soccer have their due share of heated pros and cons. But lately English ru another popular sport missing from our calendar for a couple of y has crept in again and again, oftentimes to become the most-talke sport of the evening. Sipping their cokes the bunch of ex-high sc fellows go back to their school days, recounting their own or som else's tale of the time, when they used to struggle in the 110 pound division or in the 135 pound junior league.

Yes sir, them were the days! Practically the whole three-qu line of such schools as Britannia, Tech and King Ed was made up Niseis . . . Yep, everybody remembers how **Kachi** used to charge h down, like a bellowing elephant and hit you square on with a weight two-ton truck . . . How they used to lay for a fellow Nisei on opposing squad and wrap him around the goal pole . . . fleet-foo King Ed star, **George Suzuki**, who's big boner in a game against Tech up Coach Tees higher than a kite . . . and the time when **Mike T** scored a try in the last minute to give Britannia the championship, break this writer's heart.

Going back still farther when **'Dutch' Shimada** and bantam-we **Joe Koyanagi** starred for King George seniors . . . **Mousie Masuda** **Harold Asano** were the pride of **Buck Yeo's** Tech seniors . . . and on and on. A full 100-page novel would still not be big enough to co all the Niseis that starred and took prominent parts in the various h school fifteens.

Enough reminiscing for the time being. Just talking and think about it won't get anybody anywhere, so it's action we want to see. C a meeting, see what kind of a support you'll receive, hear their vie I'm sure there will be quite a number interested. **'Baron' Wakabay** **'Jeep' Inamoto** and other vets want to turn out, even for the sake of running around to take the bulge out of their middles. I bet they c still run around a lot of the youngsters.

The choice of director I think should go either to **Yoshi One** **Ichie Negoro**. Yoshi isn't active in the game any more, but he was o of the best in the game. He made the Vancouver Reps a number times as a half and made trips to California. Negoro is still hitting th dust, lending his services to ex-Britannia in the first division. Call meeting fellows and perhaps a trial workout some Sunday at Renfre just to see how much of a turnout you will receive.

If we can't enter the team in the 1st Division, which is the on league in existence, perhaps a three-team Japanese League would be lot of fun. What'd you say fellas?

Woodfibre vs. Maikawa's

Woodfibre invasion has now been definitely set for Saturday, No vember 15. Tentative arrangements to stage the season's opening th Saturday went astray because the gym was not available.

This two-week reprieve is going to be needed by the local team. At the last couple of workouts they haven't really shown anything except a bunch of fellows puffing and very much out of condition. Two weeks may still be insufficient time to get them in condition.

The game will be scheduled at 8:00 o'clock sharp, giving th Woodfibre lads who hit town at 7 an hour to rest up. The social fo lowing at the Orange Hall from 9 'til 12, will serve a double purpos To greet the visitors and also officially to open the casaba season o 1941-42.

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